WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. The statistics published by ILO do not lead to such a conclusion.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Children below 14 years of age are working in some occupations and processes like carpet weaving, manufacture of matches and fireworks etc., in which their employment is prohibited under the law. However, no accurate statistics are available about the number of children engaged in different hazardous occupations.

Functioning of ICAR Complex, Shillong

516. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has a complex at Shillong in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the year when it was established;

(c) the number of officers, scientists, technical staff and labourers working in the complex; and

(d) whether it is a fact that under injunction from the High Court and the Supreme Court the Complex has to pay more than a crore of rupees to labourers as arrears and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research Complex was established in 1975.

(c) The details of the staff presently working in the complex are:

Staff	Number
Scientific	103
Technical	289
Labourer	650
Administrative	122

(d) No. However, an amount of Rs. 35 lakhs (Thirty five lakhs) is likely to be paid to the labourers as a result of an order passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal in the case filed by the casual workers for regularisation of their services and for other benefits.

Shortage of Drinking Water in Orissa

517. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the villages and towns in Orissa which are facing a shortage of drinking water;

(b) if so, the number of such villages and towns;

(c) whether it is a fact that the saline belt and the hilly areas are facing such shortage;

(d) if so, the schemes which are proposed to be implemented to provide drinking water to these areas; and by when?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of Orissa, 42,221 villages and 98 towns are facing shortage of drinking water.

(c) Yes.

(d) For saline belt and hilly area villages water supply facilities and provided through Danija and technology mission in addition to state allocation. For 3 saline belt towns and 18 hilly area

towns water supply is effected through piped water supply and tubewells by obtaining loan from the L.I.C. in addition to state plan allocation.

Mass Rapid Transit System in Madras

518. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has recently written to the Minister of Railways for the Mass Rapid Transit System in Madras and Karur-Dindigul broad gauge railway line; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Budgetary allocation for 1990-91 for mass rapid transit system, Madras and Karur-Dindigul broad gauge railway line have been stepped up to Rs 14 crores and Rs 13 crores respectively.

Prices of Sugar

519. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: —

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the retail prices of sugar in the markets of Delhi, Kanpur, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras during the months of January to July 1989 and 1990, monthwise; and

(b) what according to the present projections would be the estimated retail prices of sugar during July-December, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) The details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 16]

(b) During the coming months Government would ensure availability of free-sale sugar at reasonable prices in the open market, through adequate monthly free sale releases and other regulatory measures.

Fund for Rehabilitation of Gulf Returners

520. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in receipt of a scheme known as 'fund for the rehabilitation of gulf returners' with a corpus of Rs. 750 crores; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The State Government of Kerala had suggested setting up of a Welfare Fund to finance various support activities relating to migrant workers including resettlement of migrant workers after their permanent return from overseas employment.

(b) The State Government had been advised to consider setting up of machinery, as appropriate, in the State itself. The requisite financial support could also be considered by the Banks and financial institutions on merits keeping in view the technical feasibility and economic viability of the proposals.

पंजीकृत बेरोजगारों को रोजगार

521. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या **श्रम** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार देश के विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगारों को रोजगार देने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठा रही है; और

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों से विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत ऐसे बेरोजगारों की संख्या कितनी